

NX CAM Essentials

◆ Course Description

This introductory course is designed to provide a solid foundation in Siemens NX CAM (Computer-Aided Manufacturing) software. Participants will learn how to set up, generate, simulate, and post-process toolpaths for CNC machining using NX. The course covers basic milling and drilling operations, essential CAM workflows, and industry-standard best practices, equipping learners with the skills needed to work on simple to moderately complex parts.

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

- Understand the core principles of NX CAM
 - Create machining setups
 - Generate and simulate toolpaths
 - Produce post-processed NC code for CNC machines
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◆ Prerequisites

Participants should have the following:

- Basic understanding of machining and manufacturing processes
 - Familiarity with CNC milling operations and terminology
 - Basic knowledge of CAD software (preferably NX or equivalent)
 - Computer literacy and ability to navigate 3D design interfaces
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◆ Target Audience

- CNC Operators and Programmers
 - Manufacturing Engineers
 - Mechanical Engineering Students or Fresh Graduates
 - CAM Professionals transitioning to NX
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Course Outline / Table of Contents

Module 1: Introduction to NX CAM

Objective: Understand CAM fundamentals and Siemens NX environment.

- What is CAM and its role in manufacturing?
 - Overview of Siemens NX CAD/CAM software
 - NX CAM capabilities and supported processes
 - User interface and navigation basics
 - Workflow overview: CAD → CAM → CNC
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Module 2: CAM Setup and Environment

Objective: Set up the machining environment within NX.

- Creating a CAM session from CAD models
 - Machine configuration and machine coordinate system (MCS)
 - Part geometry vs blank vs fixture definition
 - Introduction to operation navigator and geometry group
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Module 3: Tools and Tool Libraries

Objective: Create and manage cutting tools and libraries.

- Tool types: End mill, face mill, drill, reamer, etc.
 - Defining tool parameters (length, diameter, etc.)
 - Managing tool libraries and tool holders
 - Tool selection in operations
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Module 4: Milling Operations – Basics

Objective: Learn to apply basic milling operations.

- Face Milling
 - Cavity Milling
 - Planar Milling
 - Profile/Contour Milling
 - Toolpath control and parameters
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Module 5: Drilling and Hole-Making Operations

Objective: Perform simple drilling operations in NX.

- Drilling, peck drilling, tapping, and boring
 - Hole-making operation setup and sequencing
 - Selecting holes manually and using hole features
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Module 6: Toolpath Generation & Editing

Objective: Generate, edit, and verify toolpaths.

- Geometry selection methods: part, drive, check
 - Adjusting cutting parameters (depth of cut, stepover, etc.)
 - Toolpath regeneration and modifications
 - Using boundaries and avoidance regions
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Module 7: Toolpath Simulation and Verification

Objective: Simulate machining operations safely.

- Material removal (cut region) simulation
 - Machine tool simulation basics
 - Collision and gouge checks
 - Toolpath visualization and verification
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Module 8: Post Processing and NC Code Generation

Objective: Generate G-code using post processors.

- What is post processing?
- Selecting and using post processors
- Generating NC output (.nc or .tap files)
- Editing and reviewing G-code